other States; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The Government has licenced Celular Mobile Telephone Service to the following two companies on a non-exclusive basis for Bihar Telecom. Circle;

(i) M/s. Koshika Telecom Ltd.

(ii) M/s. Reliance Telecom Pvt Ltd.

(b) The proposal for commercial launch of service of M/s. Koshika Telecom in Patna City of Bihar has been received. M/s. Reliance Telecom are yet to start the service in any city of Bihar. The reason given by the company are interalia general difficulties being faced by them in view of maximum number of circles characterized by under developed infrastructure, etc.

(c) No Sir. Separate licences have been given for each Telecom Circle and case of each circle has therefore to be dealt separately.

Waiting list of telephone connectios under Janpath Telephone Exchange

2347. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of waiting list of registrants for telephone connections under Janpath Telephone Exchange

(b) by when it would be cleared

(c) whether it is a fact that even after insurance of O.B. telephone connections under the said exchange are not being installed;

(d) whether any time frame has been fixed in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any inquiry has been ordered in this regard to find out the reasons for delay, if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the responsible officials/officers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) As on 1.7.1997, there is no waiting list in all the categories under Janpath Telephone Exchange.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) The details of pending OBs are as follows:—

(i) 168 OBs are pending due to some areas being technically not feasible;

(ii) 104 OBs, which were earlier technically non feasible, have been made feasible, are in the process of installation.

(iii) 5 OBs are pending due to subscribers' reasons.

(d) All the pending OBs are likely to be cleared progressively by 31.12.1997.

(e) Not applicable in view of (c) above.

Waiting list of Telephone Connections in Rourkela

2348. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2569 given in Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1997 and state;

(a) whether the waiting list for general category registrants for telephone connections in steel city Rourkela of Orissa has since been cleared

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;